Mobile Police Posts in trains

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are considering to provide mobile police posts on 24 express trains/passenger trains to check the activities of inter-State dacoit gangs, committing various offences and terrorising passengers, by resorting to looting;

(b) if so, in which trains;

(c) by when this proposal is likely to be implemented;

(d) whether this would give greater confidence to the passengers;

(e) whether new personnel would be recruited for this purpose;

(f) whether further protection is being considered for rail passengers; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. Maintenance of law and order on Railways is the responsibility of the State; mobile police posts have already been provided by Government Railway Police on some of the trains in certain States.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

(f) and (g) As per the recommendation of High Level Committee on security of Railways, the proposal to empower the Railway Protection Force for providing better security to passengers is under examination. For this purpose amendments to RPF Act 1957 and Railways Act 1989 are under consideration.